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Honolulu—Plague-Prevention Work.

Chief Quarantine Officer Ramus reports, December 11:

Week ended Dec. 9, 1911.

Total rats and mongoose taken.....	486
Rats trapped.....	475
Mongoose trapped.....	11
Rats examined bacteriologically.....	426
Classification of rats trapped:	
<i>Mus alexandrinus</i>	96
<i>Mus musculus</i>	87
<i>Mus norvegicus</i>	30
<i>Mus rattus</i>	262
Average number of traps set daily.....	1,720

Plague-Infected Rat Found at Honokaa.

Dr. Ramus reported December 27 that a plague-infected rat was found at Honokaa, December 18.

INDIA.

Calcutta—Cholera and Plague.

Acting Asst. Surg. Allan reports, November 30: During the week ended November 11, 39 deaths from cholera and 6 from plague were reported in Calcutta; in all Bengal, 146 cases of plague with 122 deaths; in all India, 10,213 cases of plague with 7,659 deaths.

ITALY.

Status of Cholera.

According to the official bulletin issued by the Italian Government, 77 cases of cholera with 39 deaths were reported throughout the entire Kingdom during the period from November 19 to 25, 1911. These figures show a decrease of 17 cases with 12 deaths from the number reported during the previous week. The Provinces of Catania, Cagliari, and Trapani have been declared free from cholera. The Provinces previously declared immune are Bari, Palermo, and Sassari.

Naples—Examination of Emigrants.

Surg. Geddings reports, December 12:

Vessels inspected during the week ended December 9, 1911.

NAPLES.

Date.	Name of ship.	Destination.	Steerage passengers inspected and passed.	Pieces of baggage inspected and passed.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Dec. 5	Principe di Piemonte.....	New York.....	292	65	380
6	Hamburg.....	do.....	346	110	520
6	Carpathia.....	do.....			
7	Italia.....	do.....	233	55	290
8	Prinzess Irene.....	do.....	669	170	1,020
9	Madonna.....	do.....	691	155	870
	Total.....		2,231	555	3,080

PALERMO.

Dec. 4	Principe di Piemonte.....	New York.....	230	75	175
5	Carpathia.....	do.....			
6	Oceania.....	do.....			
7	Hamburg.....	do.....	43	60	125
8	Italia.....	do.....	362	160	300
9	Prinzess Irene.....	do.....	115	100	200
	Total.....		750	395	800

Inspection of baggage—Second-cabin baggage.

NAPLES.

Date.	Name of ship.	Inspected.	Disinfected.
Dec. 5	Principe di Piemonte.....		
6	Hamburg.....	60	220
6	Carpathia.....	25	85
7	Italia.....		
8	Prinzess Irene.....	75	160
9	Madonna.....		
	Total.....	160	465

PALERMO.

Dec. 4	Principe di Piemonte.....	30	80
5	Carpathia.....	20	35
6	Oceania.....	80	200
7	Hamburg.....	50	150
8	Italia.....	12	8
9	Prinzess Irene.....	65	80
	Total.....	257	553

MALTA.

Declared Free from Cholera.

According to information received from the American consul, December 23, Malta has been declared free from cholera.

MEXICO.]

Yellow Fever at Merida.

During the two weeks ended December 23, 1911, yellow fever was reported at Merida as follows: Week ended December 16, 1 case with 1 death; during the week ended December 23, 1 case. The total number of cases reported from August 1 to December 23, 1911, was 49 with 25 deaths.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Cholera.

Acting Chief Quarantine Officer Fox at Manila reports, November 14: During the week ended November 4, 1911, 5 cases of cholera, with 5 deaths, were reported in the Province of Union.

Plague on Steamship at Cebu.

Dr. Fox further reported November 4 that a case of pneumonic plague was found on the steamship *Montrose* at Cebu from Shanghai.

Information Regarding Quarantine Procedures.

The chief quarantine officer for the Philippine Islands on October 20, 1911, issued the following circular regarding quarantine procedures for vessels entering and leaving ports of the Philippine Islands: